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Senate

The Senate met at 2:15 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a Senator from the State of New Hampshire.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Spirit, the fountain of all wisdom, make us Your servants. Teach us to listen to Your guidance and to be faithful in doing Your bidding. Give us a spirit of kindness so we will properly represent You. Bless us with the peace of knowing we are doing Your will.

Use our lawmakers. Help them to fully understand how to make right choices. Protect them from danger and empower them to never do anything that will bring them shame. Make them wise interpreters of the signs of the times and undergird them with Your enabling might.

We pray in Your powerful name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, November 15, 2006.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN E. SUNUNU, a

Senator from the State of New Hampshire, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. SUNUNU thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we are coming in this afternoon rather than this morning, as we did yesterday, following the elections of the Democratic leadership, and today following the Republican leadership elections. Right away I want to congratulate Senators MCCONNELL, LOTT, KYL, HUTCHISON, CORNYN, and ENSIGN, who will represent our Republican Party in our leadership here in this body.

This afternoon the Senate will conduct a period for morning business. As we speak, we are working on an agreement regarding the U.S.-India nuclear agreement and possible progress on appropriations bills. We finished the MILCON bill yesterday and have other bills sequenced and will be able to address those in short order. We hope to be able to schedule votes for later this afternoon. We also need to act on the short-term continuing resolution which has just arrived from the House. When votes are scheduled, Senators will be notified over the course of the afternoon.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I note the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST— S. 3709

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 527, S. 3709, the U.S.-India nuclear bill. I further ask that a manager's amendment to be agreed upon by Senators LUGAR, BIDEN, and FRIST be agreed to as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and that the only other amendments in order be: Ensign regarding inspection, to be considered in closed session; Reed, Levin, Obama, two Dorgan amendments, Feingold, Boxer, Feinstein, Harkin, up to seven Bingaman, Kennedy, and Dodd. I further ask that all amendments except Senator FEINGOLD's be subject to relevant second degrees and that all be related to the subject matter of the bill.

I further ask that once the bill as amended has been read a third time, the Senate then proceed to the consideration of H.R. 5682, the House-passed companion, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 3709 as amended be inserted in lieu thereof, and that the Senate then proceed to a vote on passage of H.R. 5682 as amended with no intervening action or debate. I further ask that following passage of the bill, the Senate insist upon its amendment and request a conference with the House, the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees, and S. 3709 be returned to the calendar.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this is the unanimous consent about how we will

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